

MINUTES

Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday May 7, 2015 – Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Robert Broach, Christine Cronin, Bruce Dodson, Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Karen Milano, Peg Scofield, and Guy Vecchitto

Guest: Scott Hawkins

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Tim introduced Scott Hawkins one of the many volunteers who has helped with the renovation work on the pavilion and other projects. Scott has a background in organizing Sail America boat shows. Tim thought he would be a good technical advisor for the large events to be held at the farm like the Farmer's Market. There was discussion.

Tim presented the minutes from the April 2 meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Karen Milano then gave progress report on the Farmer's Market. She said that she has about 20 vendors so far for the markets. The paperwork has started coming in. There will only be one food truck. She also said that each market day will have some sort of a free class, yoga etc. There was discussion.

Peg Scofield then reviewed the calendar of events to be held at the farm. This coming weekend will be the Historical Society tag sale, the evergreen Garden club Plant sale, Lions bird house sale and the Democrats bake sale. There are three wedding scheduled to be held in the pole barn this season. Youth and Family Services is going to have a movie night on June 26. Peg stated that there should be a committee member covering each event. Peg will send out a list of events. There was discussion on event coverage. Tim is still working on the music programs for Sunday afternoons.

Tim reported that the repair on the roof and the ceiling of the pavilion has been completed. Michael Young caulked all the seams on the roof. All that remains is for the ceiling to be painted. This will be done when the funds are available.

Tim reported that the Lions chairs and tables have arrived. The chair racks have arrived, but the table racks have not. Terry Doyle is the Lions representative for the rental of tables and chairs. There was discussion.

Tim said that Ben Chase's beehive will be installed at the farm a week from Friday, May 15. The shipment of the bees was delayed a week due to the weather. Ben will be at the Farm at 3 p.m to install the bees in the hive.

Tim reported that Mike Milano's crew installed the new roadway out to the Pole barn and it looks great.

Terry Doyle stated that Eric Auer wanted to donate an oak tree to be planted at the farm in memory of Rocky Rockwell. There was lengthy discussion. This question has come up before and the committee feels that the policy has to be that no trees will be planted in memory of individuals. The committee will work toward finding an alternative way to memorialize town residents who have passed.

Tim Gannon said that as the meeting was taking place two people from the Rotary Club were doing some clearing the knoll on the path from the parking lot. The Rotary club has stated that they would like to get more involved at the farm.

Tim stated that he had just received a new charge from the first selectman to set up a non-profit - Friends of the Parmelee Farm. Guy Vecchitto will do some research into the subject and report back to the committee. Tim will send a copy of the new charge to the committee.

Karen said that the Krier will be announcing upcoming events at the farm. She also said that she would like to have committee members on hand for the first Farmer's Market on June 13. There was discussion.

Karen also said that she thought that it would be nice to install a full length mirror in the ladies room. There was discussion. There is one in the stone barn and it will be installed before the first wedding.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary